

Quarterly Newsletter

Featured Article: Message on Parx Casino Grants

In an effort to clear up some confusion and misunderstandings on the Park Casino Grants, I would like to shed some light on how the grants are awarded by the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) relative to communities that are sponsored by the Hulmeville Borough. To quote the RDA:

"The Municipal Grant Program (MGP) provides grants for capital projects and public improvements. MGP funds may be used for projects consistent with ACT 71 of 2004. Eligible projects are defined in section 1403 (c) (2) (v) and deal with the impact on the community of the gaming facility operations. The MGP provides grants to eligible municipalities for projects which, in the judgment of the RDA of the County of Bucks, best comply with the provisions and goals of ACT 71 of 2004."

Who are the eligible municipalities? They are the four communities contiguous with Bensalem: Middletown Township, Lower Southampton Township, Bristol Township, and Hulmeville Borough. Although Bensalem is guaranteed \$10,000,000.00 or 1% of the slot machine proceeds, whichever amount is higher. Bensalem is also eligible to put in a grant to the RDA for additional grant money, as is Bucks County.

The RDA will only accept grant requests from these municipalities. However, any one of these municipalities can sponsor another municipality or organization if it believes the requests worthwhile and complies with the criteria of ACT 71 of 2004.

Over the past 10 years, Hulmeville Borough has received thirteen grants on behalf of the Borough and the William Penn Fire Company for a total of \$2,651,656.00:

2008 Improvement to Levittown station - \$825,000.00 Firehouse parking lot - \$99,225.00 Police car - \$25,705.00 Street resurfacing - \$64,837.00	2009 Borough Hall - \$300,000.00	2010 Borough Hall - \$389,500.00 Street resurfacing - \$284,459.00
2011 Firehouse kitchen - \$192,000.00	2012 Main Street Bridge - \$397,000.00	2013 Police Radios - \$24,555.96
2014 Pre-emption for emergency vehicles - \$9,247.00	2015 Police SUV - \$42,000.00	2016 EMC/Constable Radios - \$14,422.00

In the past few years, Hulmeville Borough has been approached by other communities and organizations asking if we would sponsor them for a grant. Council has agreed with some of these requests and with our support the following grants have been awarded:

Penndel Borough Received \$200,000.00 to purchase a building to set up a new police station	Penndel Borough Received \$50,000.00 for critical improvement to the new police station	Bristol Borough Received \$310,000.00 for emergency radios for the Borough Fire Department
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The confusing part for most residents to understand is a certain amount of grant money is not automatically allotted to each of the eligible municipalities for them to use or give away. The RDA in its sole and absolute discretion looks at all the grant applications and then awards the grant that it believes are the best use of the money for that given year. The Hulmeville Borough Council, along with the Mayor, put the needs of Hulmeville Borough and the William Penn Fire Company first. However, the final decision is always made by the RDA.

I hope this explains how the process works and you now understand that we are not giving away money that can be used by us. We are only sponsoring grants so other communities can receive some much needed assistance. If you have any questions on this matter or on any other Borough issues, you can always contact me. Thank you from: *Tom Wheeler, President of Hulmeville Borough Council*



Important Announcements

Interested in how the proposal of the Earned Income Tax (EIT) might affect you? Come to the October 17th meeting, 7:30 pm at borough hall

Check out our web-site www.hulmeville-pa.gov for more information on the following

- School is back in session: Be mindful to Bus Stops and Cross Walks
- Leaf Pick up dates: 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, and 12/6/17



Hulmeville Borough Police 215-757-1700 or 911 for emergency's

In the last newsletter you read about the push out the pusher program that the Hulmeville Borough Police Department is supporting and so should you. There are still lawn signs available, call 215 -757-1700.

Code Enforcement

The Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcement of the Borough fire code. This includes conducting fire safety inspections of commercial properties, issuing open burn permits, and assisting the Borough Council with any fire safety related issues.

Open Burn Ordinance

Under Ordinance 201, open burning within Hulmeville Borough is not allowed. The use of a cooking device burning wood, charcoal, or other recognized solid or gaseous fuel to cook food is allowed. For specific instances, **a burn permit can be obtained from the Fire Marshal that will allow burning of wood or other approved fuel in an approved burn area.** A fee will apply. The burning must be done between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:30 pm. Go to the web site to obtain a burn permit application and additional details on the open burn permit requirements.

Zoning Information

The current version of the zoning ordinances were adopted by the Borough Council at their regular monthly meeting on August 6, 2012. The zoning ordinance is an extensive document, totaling over 200 pages. The borough web site links allow you to view, and save or print, the entire zoning ordinance section by section. Visit the web site www.hulmeville-pa.gov for more information.

Water Authority **Mark your calendar! Attend the January 22, 2018 meeting.....**

New Water Meters Are Being Installed

As this program continues, every water meter in the borough will be replaced. In the near future, you will be notified and asked to schedule a time for your water meter to be replaced.

Proper Sump Pump discharging stop discharging water into our sewers and legally release the water to have the it run over pervious ground (non-compacted soil in your yard) outside your home/business.

ACT 537 Plan Update

There will be an Educational Meeting on January 22, 2018, to discuss how ACT 537 affects you and the long term control plans for the borough. Come learn about changes in water rates and the needed lateral inspections.

Sign up for the Safe Guard Program for your sewer line outside your home/business:

<http://www.bcwsa.net/safeguard-program/> or call 1-800-222-2068

Water or Sewer Bill Questions? If you pay your bill to Bucks County Water and Sewer, call 1-800-222-2068. If you pay your bill to Hulmeville Water Authority, call 215-757-6531 ext. 3.

Stormwater Management

We continue to visit with borough residents who need to be reminded of allowable acts in the floodplain. Everyone in the borough must comply with new zoning regulations for stormwater and floodplain. You will receive notice when you are not in compliance. We are doing our best to avoid fines and penalties and we hope you are to! ***Reminders:***

- Do not blow grass clippings and leaves into the streets and streams throughout the borough. If you higher a landscaper, please remind them of this!
- Do not dump anything into the Neshaminy Creek!



William Penn Fire Company - Station 7 - Hulmeville

Visit www.wmpennfire.com for more information. Interested in volunteering? Contact joinwmpenn@wmpennfire.com or call 215-752-7740.

Boards & Committee Information

Hulmeville Borough has many committees that help to run our borough. If you are interested in helping with any of them, check out the web site for committee chair contact information.

Tax Collector

New hours are the 4th Thursday of each month 6:30 - 8:00. No hours in January, February, or November. Additional hours are printed on your tax bill and if needed an appointment can be made by contacting: Nancy Mitchell n.mitchell@hulmeville-pa.gov or call 215-757-6531 ext. 2.

Family & Community News

Hulmeville Historical Society

Be sure to get your copy of the Historical Society's Town Crier for more community updates! Send a message to Eric Schmid: ericsevere@verizon.net if you're not receiving their mailings.

Hulmeville Garden Club

Check out their web site for upcoming events and clean up dates: www.hulmevillegardenclub.org



Do you know someone who is suffering from addiction? Visit www.pastop.org

The U.S. is in the midst of an epidemic of opiate addiction and overdose. Overdose deaths from prescription painkillers have quadrupled since 1999. Deaths from heroin have tripled in the last five years. Pennsylvania has a higher overdose rate than most states.

The Commonwealth Prevention Alliance (CPA) realizes immediate action needs to be taken to prevent opiate abuse. We believe this website, and its content, will provide you with increased awareness, education and information on how to seek help. For more information about how to access local treatment and prevention resources visit:

<http://www.buckscounty.org/LivingAndWorking/drugandalcoholcommission>

There are additional resources and pamphlets located in the front of Borough Hall for members of our community. We hope that this information will be an aid to the individuals and families who may be struggling with this issue.

The Hulmeville Borough Council invites you to celebrate Mayor Dave Harris' retirement as Mayor of Hulmeville Borough on Friday, December 8, 2017 6 - 10 pm at the William Penn Fire Hall. There will be light food and drink. We are asking for attendees to bring desserts. Please RSVP to d.mahon@hulmeville-pa.gov



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